(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are considering the proposal to pay the arrears to IISCO workers;

(d) if so, the time schedule of the payment; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS) : (a) to (e) Revised salary has been paid to IISCO Steel Plant (ISP) employees with effect from 1.4.2005 which is the date of merger of Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited (IISCO) with Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). No further arrears have been paid to employees of ISP from 1.1.1997 to 31.3.2005 because during that period IISCO was a sick company under the purview of Board of Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

Production of steel in Jharkhand

†1329. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for increasing the production of steel in Jharkhand during the next five years;

(b) the policy of Government for providing iron-ore required for the same;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from the Steel Authority of India in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) No target has been fixed for steel production in Jharkhand by the Ministry of Steel. However, Memoranda of Understandings (MoUs) have been entered into between the State Government of Jharkhand and private sector entrepreneurs.

(b) Iron ore mining leases are allocated by the concerned State Governments after taking the approval of the Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

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(c) and (d) Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has, at present, one Integrated Steel Plant at Bokaro in Jharkhand and SAIL intends to increase the crude steel capacity of Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) from the present level of 4.2 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) (2005-06) to 7 MTPA (Hot metal 4.7 MTPA to 7.44 MTPA) by 2010. In addition, plans are also being formulated to set-up a Green Field Steel Plant initially for 6 MTPA and to be expanded further.

For the expansion plan of Bokaro Steel Plant, new green field steel plant in Jharkhand and IISCO Steel Plant (ISP) at Burnpur, the iron ore requirement for next 50 years will be 2248 MT. For the availability of iron ore for these capacities, Chiria and Gua mines would be the main source.

SAIL has applied for renewal of mining leases of Chiria to the Government of Jharkhand.

Iron-ore by BSP

†1330. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total years for which Bhilai Steel Plant is capable of providing iron-ore from its own iron-ore mines;

(b) the role of SAIL in putting forward Rowghat Yojana (Scheme);

(c) whether the raw material being received through Rajhara-Durg rail route is sufficient in quantity and is being received at proper speed; and

(d) if not, the measures/scheme being adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) It is estimated that Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) can get Iron Ore from its Dalli-Rajhara Mines, for the next 4 years fully and another 4-5 years partially.

(b) SAIL is in the process of obtaining necessary statutory clearances from various agencies of the Central and State Government for mining lease for Rowghat. The project would be ready for production in a time

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